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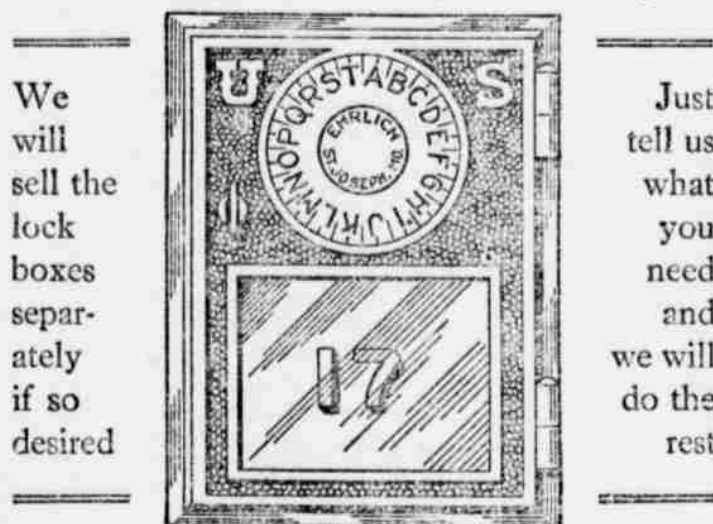
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didates were required to go to the platform and stand up before the crowd and display their embarrassment and bluntness.

Mrs. Bessie Brueggeman of 4215 Westminister Place, St. Louis, and Miss Matilda Dallmeyer, of Jefferson City were the opposing candidates for member of the Women's Republican National Executive Committee. After they had walked to the front and withstood the gaze of the delegates, Mrs. Brueggeman was elected by a vote of 31 to 19.

Miss Alma Sasse of Brunswick, and Mrs. Alice Curtice-Moyer-Wing of St. Louis were the opposing candidates for chairman of the Women's State Executive Committee. When they were requested by Chairman Cole to come forward for display it was discovered that Miss Sasse was not in the room and could not be found. She was missing. Mrs. Wing walked to the front for display, and the voting began.

Miss Sasse was elected over Mrs. Wing by a vote of 43 to 12. Soon after the result was announced Miss Sasse came into the meeting room.

The women delegates also were given a lesson in political finance during the afternoon. Chairman Cole caused a murmur to run about the room when he declared that Treasurer Walter S. Dickey had been so busy all day talking to a member of the National Republican Committee that he had not had time to make out the checks to pay the expenses of the women delegates to the convention.

"Is there any delegate here who has not sufficient funds to pay her way back home?" he asked. "Mr. Dickey would rather make out the checks Monday and mail them to you. If there are any who need money to pay fare before you leave the building."

If any of the delegates made known their lack of funds it was not done publicly.

New Setting for Machine.
The convention was of the same old Republican machine-made sort, except that it had a new setting with women delegates that they were the background.

Miss Mary Stewart of Washington, executive secretary of the National Republican Congressional Committee, in an address while the convention was waiting for a report from the Resolutions Committee, frankly told the women delegates that they were becoming a part of the Republican "machine."

"Politics is citizenship in action," she declared. "The construction of Republican committees is the machinery through which we accomplish our purpose. The machine is a good word and explains exactly what we mean by organization."

"Practical politics is a means to the end. The only effective nonpartisanism is in cemeteries. Women who expect to accomplish something must join a political group. Those who do not join a political group had just as well be dead. Nonpartisanism are socially dead."

"We women cannot help the mass of the people by being too idealistic, any more than by being too retroactive. We must cause the party we join to have definite and concrete program for good, and we must see that our party brings about the accomplishment of the program outlined."

Miss Stewart told a funny story of a man who became converted to religion and then became a Republican.

"When a Democrat gets religion he generally turns to voting the Republican ticket," she asserted.

Dyer Would Stay Well.

The clash between Congressman L. C. Dyer and a negro delegate came soon after the morning session opened. Herman Well, a negro member of the State Committee from the Twelfth District, nominated Homer B. Phillips, a negro lawyer, to succeed the late Gus Frey.

Friends of Dyer pointed out that at a recent meeting of the Congressional Committee Dyer was named to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frey. They placed his name in nomination and asked that it be approved. Well then nominated Phillips, declaring the negroes were not receiving as much consideration as they deserved at the hands of the Republican party.

A vote was taken and Dyer was elected by a vote of 24 to 5.

"I have been insulted," Congressman Dyer declared when the vote was announced. "If the chair will not protect me I'll protest myself." He made it plain to those near him that he was vexed because four white delegates had voted with Well in favor of Phillips.

Chairman Cole rapped for order, and Dyer continued to press through the crowd toward Well. Several negroes gathered in Well's vicinity, and a group of delegates halted Dyer.

Well got the floor and declared he had a communication he desired to read, and asserted the negroes in the Twelfth (Dyer's) District were in the

majority and demanded representation. The chairman again rapped his gavel and refused to hear the communication. He ordered that the discussion cease, and order was restored.

The women delegates seemed entertained with this little political clash, and apparently took it as a part of the new political game they were entering.

Negro to Oppose Dyer

Well told friends after the clash the negroes would have been satisfied if they had been given representation on the State Committee, and would have withdrawn their plans to put a negro candidate in the field against Dyer at the next election. He declared that because of Dyer's "insult to negroes" a negro would be nominated in Dyer's district next time. He asserts that a majority of the voters in Dyer's district are negroes, and they will have the votes to defeat Dyer for renomination.

"That's only a bunch of negro troublemakers in my district, and they do not represent anything except themselves," Dyer said when questioned as to what the effect of the breach in his district might bring about. "They do not amount to anything, and I am not paying any attention to them."

Chairman Cole came up while Dyer was talking to a reporter for the Republic.

"I told those d--d fellows not to do that," he said. "I told them what they might expect if they did it, and they went right ahead and did it anyhow."

This clash came soon after the Congressman's brother, George C. Dyer, editor of a weekly magazine, had a loud verbal tilt in the corridor with Jacob L. Babler, Republican National Committeeman, which almost resulted in blows.

"You are a d--d liar," Dyer was heard to say loudly to Babler. "Don't you cross my path again. You are too common for me to talk to. You are a liar, and you know it. I have a telegram here that makes a liar of you."

Babler seemed to make no attempt to refute Dyer's challenge. Several delegates interrupted the heated conversation and led Dyer away. Dyer declared Babler recently made an untruthful statement regarding the stand of United States Senator Ross Penrose on the League of Nations. He showed a telegram signed with Penrose's name, which seemed to deny the statement attributed to Babler.

"That fellow Babler is trying to pro-

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